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### Why You Should Buy a Liberty Bond.

There are two reasons why  
there should be a Liberty Bond  
in every home. Either of them  
offers a sufficient impulse for  
the investment. The reasons  
are, first, Patriotism, and,  
second, Thrift.

Patriotism is the expression  
of every individual's obligation  
to the country which protects  
him and gives him the oppor-  
tunity to develop his abilities  
and gain the reward of his ef-  
forts.

Patriotism often finds exuber-  
ant and even hysterical ex-  
pression, but reduced to real  
terms it is a matter of the obli-  
gation of each man and woman  
to contribute his or her share  
for the common good in return  
for the advantages gained from  
living in a well ordered society.

This obligation naturally ex-  
tends to contributing for the  
common defence. The contribu-  
tion may be an outright gift un-  
der a general assessment work-  
ed out on some presumably  
equitable bases. Such gifts  
take the form of taxes and vol-  
untary contributions to numer-  
ous charities and war organiza-  
tions. The other obligation is  
to lend money to the govern-  
ment as an ordinary business  
matter.

Lending money under such  
circumstances, considered in its  
relation to individuals, is a  
practical application of the  
thrift idea. It is as much a  
saving as money deposited in a  
savings bank. It draws interest  
at three and one-half per  
cent; it is a safe investment if  
the government is stable. If  
the government is not stable  
then no investment is safe, and  
property rights as well as prop-  
erty values will vanish, as per-  
sonal safety and the right to  
the pursuit of happiness must  
disappear also. There is no  
better investment than govern-  
ment bonds. Investment in  
them is the duty of those who

enter the army or the  
navy, and is the discharge of a  
duty, although it is  
regarded as heroic.

There are two billions the  
government must receive an  
subscription of \$1,000  
from men of two million  
persons. But the average will be  
much below that. If there are  
less than five million subscrib-  
ers to the first bond issue, it will  
be a failure as a test of patriot-  
ism.

But if five million persons  
subscribe the average of the  
subscription will be \$400. It is  
obvious, therefore, that a good  
many thousands of people must  
buy the bonds in the small  
denomination of \$50 and \$100.

The small amounts should  
come out of current saving if  
the loan is to attain the great  
success. Past savings, evi-  
denced by credit accounts in  
savings banks, should be used  
only to a limited extent or, pre-  
ferably, not at all. The funds  
of savings banks, in banking  
parlance, are not liquid. They  
are in the form of bonds of var-

ious kinds and so compose a  
large part of the fixed capital  
of the country. Extensive de-  
mands on the savings banks  
would force the liquidation of  
these securities and so dislocate  
the bond market and, of course,  
the money market. The loan  
is, therefore, to be subscribed  
for out of current and future  
savings.

It is more than likely that  
business will be very good if the  
loan is popularly subscribed.  
The factories and mills will be  
busy on all sorts of orders from  
the government. There is a  
shortage of all kinds of supplies.

Labor will be freely employ-  
ed and the demand for it is like-  
ly to be only partly satisfied.  
The people who should sub-  
scribe to the loan will, there-  
fore, have the funds with which  
to meet the payments. But it  
is a great deal of money that is  
wanted. It is \$20 for every  
man, woman and child in the  
United States. That means  
\$100 for each family. And that  
means that hundreds of fami-  
lies who will respond to the de-  
mand will have to add some  
economy to that now practised.  
They will not have to put a  
new economy into operation for  
the loss that would attend the  
making of a gift. They will  
have to put a new economy in-  
to operation for the gain that  
will attend the saving of the  
amount subscribed to the bond  
issue. They will have the  
security. They will receive the  
interest on it regularly. And  
the country will be better off  
because of the thrift of its peo-  
ple.

It is the increase in the sav-  
ings of the people that is going  
to supply the money with which  
to fight to a successful con-  
clusion the greatest of all wars.

### A Measure of Vital Import- ance.

With the endless discussion  
that has been going on for now  
almost three years concerning  
the War and the large amount  
of literature that has been pub-  
lished thereon, who is there  
that has not come to realize the  
vast responsibility this trans-  
portation systems of the various  
countries engaged in this titanic  
struggle have had thrust upon  
them. Given all the men,  
munitions and foodstuffs that  
any nation might require to  
wage offensive warfare, they  
would only be of value provid-  
ed they were at the place where  
they could be utilized to ad-  
vantage when they were wanted.

A shortage during one of these  
modern battles of any of the  
thousand and one things that  
an army needs may mean the  
turning of a potential brilliant  
victory into a withering defeat,  
and render null and void the  
efforts of months. Of course,  
once the men, munitions and  
supplies have been delivered to  
the various Army supply bases,  
the responsibility for their ef-  
fective distribution rests with  
the military forces entrusted  
with that duty, but their ser-  
vice can be efficient only in the  
event they are able to promptly  
fill every demand made upon  
them. But of such importance  
is the work of this department  
of an army that its service  
must be efficient, and herein  
do we see the responsibility at-  
taching to transportation offi-  
cials; and could we but visualize  
one of these supply bases, with  
its hum of ceaseless activity,  
thousands upon thousands of  
men are engaged in the work  
of handling the colossal quanti-  
ties of miscellaneous freight  
pouring into it necessary to  
maintain an army in perfect  
fighting trim, and then re-  
member that there are hundreds  
of such bases scattered through-  
out the Allies' battle front, we  
should be staggered with the  
immensity of the problem con-  
fronting the railroads. As a  
neutral, the United States has  
been called upon to handle an

unprecedented volume of busi-  
ness, in consequence of which  
we have frequently seen the  
necessity for the railroads to  
place embargoes so as to relieve  
the congestion on their lines.  
Having vividly in mind what  
they had to contend with when  
the country was not at war and  
knowing that with the country  
at war their task would be sev-  
eral times more difficult, the  
railroads of the country ap-  
pointed a committee to deter-  
mine how they could best meet  
the situation, as a result of  
which it has been agreed that  
for so long as hostilities  
continue they will work as  
an unit and operate their  
lines as one great con-  
tinental system. This step was  
decided upon at the suggestion  
of the American Railway As-  
sociation's Committee of Na-  
tional Defense as being the  
most effective method for secur-  
ing maximum transportation  
service with the equipment at  
their disposal with a minimum  
consumption of fuel and work-  
ing force. And this question  
of conserving the nation's fuel  
supply at this time, when there  
is going to be a drain upon the  
labor market, with a far greater  
demand for coal and coke than  
the operators have ever  
been called upon to furnish, is  
a matter of the utmost gravity;  
and the Executive Committee  
of the Railroads' War Board,  
to further attain this end, is-  
sued directions to the roads to  
look into their passenger  
schedules and arrange to take  
off such trains as could most  
conveniently be dispensed with  
in the best interests of the pub-  
lic. Hence, the Southern Rail-  
way has petitioned the State  
Corporation Commissions of  
the various states in which it  
operates, for such permission,  
and the Virginia State Corpora-  
tion Commission will consider  
the application on June 20th.

While it is a foregoing con-  
clusion that those whose busi-  
ness compels them to travel  
much will for awhile find the  
change in schedules and cur-  
tailment of service a little irk-  
some, yet knowing from experi-  
ence the readiness of Virginians  
to make any sacrifice that  
will in any way contribute to  
the Nation's welfare, we are  
convinced that the situation  
will be accepted by our people  
in the best spirit of patriotism.  
To many it will afford another  
opportunity of doing their "bit"  
for the country and the cause  
for which it is fighting; and af-  
ter all, when we come to con-  
sider the immense issues at  
stake in this war, who of us  
would not be ready to make  
any sacrifice rather than see  
the United States go down in  
ignominious defeat.

## Red Cross Workers

The Red Cross Workers met  
Saturday afternoon at four  
o'clock in the Exposition Hall.  
On account of the rain, the  
meeting was very small. We  
hope that on next Saturday the  
attendance will be much larger  
and that people won't mind if  
it does rain. There is so much  
to be done and we need to be  
doing much more than we are  
now. We feel that there are  
many who could come if they  
would only make a little effort  
and we urge everyone in town  
to do their part in this much  
needed work.

Dr. Samuel B. Nickels and  
his brother, William H. Nickels,  
Jr., returned last Thursday  
from Richmond, where Sam  
graduated from the Richmond  
Medical College. Sam will  
leave tomorrow (Thursday)  
for Richmond, where he will take  
the state medical examination  
and get his license.

News has been received here  
that J. E. Body, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. James Body, of the Gap,  
was very badly burned about  
the head by steam in the C. &  
O. Railway shops at Logan,  
W. Va. He is now in the hos-  
pital and his many friends hope  
for his speedy recovery.

## Town Election

At the town election held  
here on yesterday W. H. Nick-  
els was elected Mayor, P. H.  
Kennedy, Treasurer, C. L. Kel-  
ley, sergeant and J. B. Wam-  
pler, W. J. Rogers, G. L. Tay-  
lor, L. O. Pettit, W. W. Taylor  
and W. T. Goodloe, Councilmen.  
The various candidates re-  
ceived the following votes:

FOR MAYOR	
W. H. Nickels	261
Henry Taylor	190
FOR SERGEANT	
C. L. Kelly	284
N. B. Collier	128
FOR TREASURER	
P. H. Kennedy	273
R. C. Ferguson	146
FOR COUNCILMEN	
J. B. Wampler	370
W. J. Rogers	282
L. O. Pettit	264
G. L. Taylor	263
W. W. Taylor	246
W. T. Goodloe	224
A. J. Payne	165
H. E. Fox	133
W. L. Jones	129

### Returned From Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Connor,  
who have been spending the  
winter in San Antonio, Texas,  
with their daughter, returned  
last week in their Ford Touring  
car to their daughter's home,  
Mrs. H. Pierpont, on Imboden  
Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Connor  
made the trip in their car from  
San Antonio to the Gap in two  
weeks and would have made  
it quicker if they hadn't had to  
stop two days near Birming-  
ham, Ala., and two days in  
Chattanooga for repairs on the  
car.

### "Do Your Bit" Says Black- wood C. & C. Company.

The Blackwood Coal and  
Coke Company sent out postal  
cards to their men and to firms  
with whom they do business,  
urging all our employees to re-  
member that each hour spent  
in producing needed articles  
not only enriches the workmen  
but also proves a blow to the  
common enemy. The note  
closes thus: "Trusting that all  
our employees will do his and  
her 'bit' in the defense of Lib-  
erty, we are, most respectfully,  
Blackwood Coal and Coke Com-  
pany."—Norton Reporter.

Mrs. Clifford Wilson, of  
Washington, D. C., who has  
been spending a few weeks to  
the Gap with her sisters, Mrs.  
Frank Witt and Miss Georgia  
Cox, and brother, Dervin Cox,  
left Tuesday morning for Ashe-  
ville, N. C., where she will en-  
ter a sanatorium. Mrs. Frank  
Witt accompanied her as far as  
Bristol.

Mrs. G. Bogard and little son,  
George, of Pennington Gap,  
spent Friday in the Gap with  
Mrs. I. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs.  
Bogard will move this week  
from Pennington Gap to east-  
ern Kentucky, where Mr. Bog-  
ard has been transferred by  
The Electric Transmission Com-  
pany.

A good many Nortonsites at-  
tended the flag raising at the  
Gap Sunday afternoon, and  
heard speeches by Gen. Ayers,  
Hon. R. Tate Irvine, and Rev.  
Roy Early, all of them patriotic  
men. An immense crowd oc-  
cupied the grounds back of the  
Minor Building, where the  
speeches were made and the  
flag raised. It was an impres-  
sive affair.—Norton Reporter.

Pearl Morris, of Imboden,  
was in town Monday.

Dr. Wayne Wright, a student  
of the Ohio State University at  
Columbus, arrived in the Gap  
Saturday, where he will spend  
a few days visiting his wife,  
Mrs. Wright, who was formerly  
Miss Margaret Carnes, and baby  
daughter, Mary Emma Wright,  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.  
H. Carnes. Mr. Wright pitched  
on the Big Stone Gap base ball  
team last year, which won the  
pennant in the Coal Fields  
League. His record of ten vic-  
tories and no defeats this  
year at school attracted the at-  
tention of big league scouts and  
he is now signed up with the St.  
Louis Americans. He will leave  
here about Saturday for Detroit  
where the St. Louis team is  
scheduled for a series beginning  
20th, and where he will proba-  
bly get his initial try out. Mr.  
Wright's many friends here  
wish him much success in big  
league baseball.



## It Depends

Sometimes pork is all right.  
The animal from which it  
comes must have been prop-  
erly fed and cared for. It is  
then wholesome and delicious.  
Your husband and nearly

### All Men are Fond of Pork

served in some of its many forms, either as bacon, ham,  
sausage or fresh roasted with apple sauce. We have the  
kind and the price that will please.

All bills must be paid in full every Monday morning. If not collector will  
call for same in the afternoon. Please be governed accordingly.

## Hisel's Meat Market

In Polly Building. Big Stone Gap, Virginia

## Ladies' Suits, Cloaks and Millinery

We have greatly reduced prices on  
all our Suits, Cloaks and Hats. If you  
have been waiting for this reduction,  
now is the time to buy.

If you wish to be smartly and correct-  
ly attired, make your selection from our  
superb stock.

## Polly's

## Sporting Goods

If you want anything in the Sporting  
Goods line, we have it right here. This  
line is complete in every respect so don't  
fail to visit our store and look it over.

### Base Balls, Gloves, Bats,

made from the highest grade of material for the boys  
as well as the men and more than that you can buy  
them here as cheap or cheaper than anywhere else.

COME AND SEE!

## Smith Hardware Company

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Fire, Life, Accident and Casualty In-  
surance, Fidelity and Other Bonds  
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Office in Interment Building. BIG STONE GAP, VA.

### Mrs. Vernon Castle Writes "Patria" Waltz.

Friends and admirers of Mrs.  
Vernon Castle, who plays the  
title role in "Patria", the inter-  
national's serial supreme at the  
Amaze every Saturday, have  
always recognized the marvel-  
ous versatility of this wonderful  
young woman. Few, however,  
were prepared for the announce-  
ment that she has added to her  
long list of accomplishments by  
excelling in Musical composition.

Mrs. Castle has composed a  
waltz song entitled, "Patria",  
after the great photoplay in  
which she so prominently  
featured.

Those who have heard the  
latest waltz by Mrs. Castle de-  
clared that it combines all the  
charm of "The Merry Widow",  
the rhythm of "The Dream Waltz"  
and the melody of a Strauss,  
and that is sure to prove popu-  
lar.

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